

Mount Kailash Heli Yatra (Ex-Lucknow)

09 Nights / 10 Days | By Flight (Nepalgunj – Simikot – Hilsa – Taklakot)

Journey to the Abode of Lord Shiva through Nepal's Remote Humla Region

Embark on a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to **Mount Kailash and Lake Mansarovar**, traveling through the serene and untouched landscapes of western Nepal. The **Hilsa route** offers an adventurous yet time-efficient journey, combining **short flights, scenic helicopter transfers**, and **spiritual immersion** amidst the majestic Himalayas.

This itinerary is designed for those who seek a **shorter route with smoother logistics** and **fewer travel days at high altitude**, while preserving the essence of the sacred Yatra.

Tour Highlights

- Scenic flight route: **Nepalgunj – Simikot – Hilsa – Taklakot**
- Explore the remote **Humla region** of western Nepal
- Holy **Lake Mansarovar** and the sacred **Mount Kailash Kora**
- Rare opportunity to witness Kailash from the **Tibetan side**
- Stunning aerial and overland views of the **Himalayas and Tibetan Plateau**

Fixed Departures 2026 – Arrival at Lucknow

Month	Dates
June	03, 09, 15, 20, 27 (<i>Full Moon</i>)
July	03, 09, 15, 20, 26 (<i>Full Moon</i>)
August	07, 13, 19, 25 (<i>Full Moon</i>), 31
September	06, 12, 18, 23 (<i>Full Moon</i>)

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival in Lucknow and Drive to Nepalgunj (150 m)

Arrive in Lucknow, where you'll be greeted by our representative. Drive through the Terai plains toward **Nepalgunj**, a bustling town near the India-Nepal border. The route passes through

charming countryside and local villages.

Drive: 4–5 hrs Overnight: Nepalgunj Meals: Dinner

Day 2 – Fly Nepalgunj to Simikot, Helicopter to Hilsa, Drive to Taklakot (3,930 m)

Early morning flight to **Simikot**, gateway to Nepal’s remote Humla district. After a brief halt, continue by **helicopter to Hilsa**, the border point with Tibet. Cross into China and drive to **Taklakot (Purang)**, a picturesque border town surrounded by rolling mountains.

Flight: 1 hr Helicopter: 25 min Drive: 1 hr Overnight: Taklakot Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 – Acclimatization in Taklakot (Purang)

Spend the day resting and acclimatizing to the high altitude. You may visit local monasteries or explore the small market town to experience Tibetan culture.

Overnight: Taklakot Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 – Drive to Lake Mansarovar (4,590 m)

Drive through high mountain passes and open plateau to reach the sacred **Lake Mansarovar**, believed to cleanse sins and purify the soul. Perform **ritual bathing, meditation, and prayers** by the lakeside, with **Mount Kailash** visible in the distance.

Drive: 2–3 hrs Overnight: Guesthouse near Lake Mansarovar Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 – Drive to Darchen (4,575 m)

After morning prayers and exploration around the lake, drive to **Darchen**, the base town for the **Kailash Parikrama (Kora)**. Rest and prepare for your upcoming trek.

Drive: 2–3 hrs Overnight: Darchen Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 – Kailash Kora Day 1: Darchen to Dirapuk (4,900 m)

Begin your **3-day circumambulation** of Mount Kailash. The trail starts from **Yam Dwar** and gradually ascends through the Tarboche Valley, offering the first majestic views of Kailash's **north face**.

Trek: 13 km | 5–6 hrs Overnight: Dirapuk Guesthouse Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 – Kailash Kora Day 2: Dirapuk to Zuthulpuk via Dolma La Pass (5,636 m)

Today is the **most challenging and spiritually fulfilling** part of the Yatra. Cross the **Dolma La Pass (5,636 m)** — the highest point of the route — and descend past **Gauri Kund**, a sacred lake where Goddess Parvati is believed to have bathed. Continue trekking to **Zuthulpuk Monastery**.

Trek: 22 km | 8–9 hrs Overnight: Zuthulpuk Guesthouse Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 – Kailash Kora Day 3: Trek to Darchen, Drive to Hilsa or Simikot

Complete the final leg of the Parikrama with a short trek to **Darchen**. After lunch, drive to **Hilsa**. Weather permitting, helicopter transfer to **Simikot** may be arranged the same day.

Trek: 12 km | 3–4 hrs Drive: 2–3 hrs Overnight: Hilsa / Simikot Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 – Fly to Simikot and Nepalgunj

Fly by helicopter from **Hilsa to Simikot**, then onward by scheduled flight to **Nepalgunj**. Rest and relax at your hotel after completing your pilgrimage.

Helicopter: 25 min Flight: 1 hr Overnight: Nepalgunj Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 – Departure to Lucknow

After breakfast, drive back to **Lucknow** for your return journey home, carrying blessings from Mount Kailash and memories of a lifetime.

Drive: 4 hrs Meals: Breakfast

Tour Cost (Per Person)

- **USD 1,520 + INR 1,65,000** per person (based on 22 pax, 3★ hotels)
 - **Upgrade Option:** Add INR 5,000 per person for stay at Soaltee Hotel, Nepalgunj
(USD rates subject to change as per Chinese authority regulations.)
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Inclusions

- Transfers & local sightseeing as per itinerary
 - 2 nights' stay in Nepalgunj on full board
 - Accommodation in Tibet (guesthouse/mud house)
 - Domestic flights: Kathmandu–Nepalgunj–Simikot
 - Helicopter transfers: Simikot–Hilsa–Simikot
 - Overland travel in Tibet by private coach
 - Vegetarian meals throughout
 - Nepalese tour leader & Tibetan guide
 - Oxygen cylinders & basic medical kit
 - Kailash permits & Tibet/China visa
 - Duffle bag & backpack set
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Exclusions

- International flights to/from Kathmandu
 - Travel insurance & emergency evacuation
 - Horse/Yak hire for Parikrama (optional)
 - Personal expenses & beverages
 - Single supplement, extra night stays
 - Personal oxygen cylinders
 - Optional visit to Ashtapad
 - **GST 5% & TCS 5%**
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Payment Terms

- The China sector cost (USD portion) to be remitted upon confirmation.
 - The INR portion payable prior to arrival in Nepal.
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Cancellation Policy

- 10% – after booking confirmation
 - 50% – within 15 days of departure
 - 100% – within 7 days of departure
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Preparation & Health Advisory

This journey involves **high-altitude travel (up to 19,500 ft)**. All participants must be physically fit.

Consult your physician regarding **altitude medication (Diamox)**.

Avoid alcohol and smoking before and during the trip.

Carry warm layered clothing, trekking shoes, gloves, sunscreen, lip balm, and personal medicines.